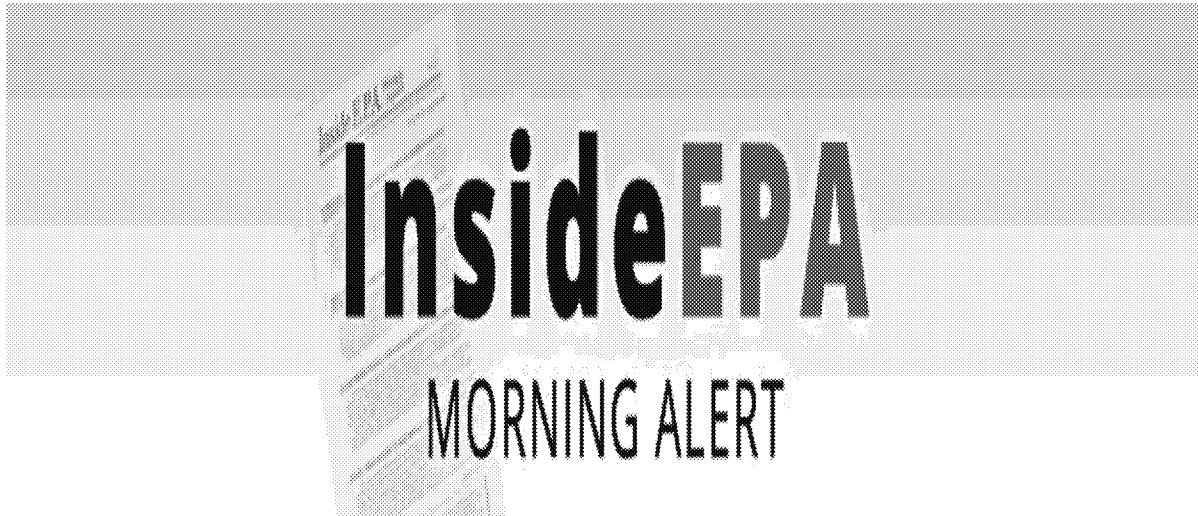


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##### **ACWA Backs EPA's 'Cooperative Federalism' But Seeks Greater State Role**

Julia Anastasio, executive director and general counsel of the Association of Clean Water Administrators (ACWA), is welcoming the Trump administration's "cooperative federalism" push to give states more environmental policymaking authority but urging greater state input on issues like emerging contaminants and the Clean Water Act's (CWA) scope.

##### **NAS Urges DOE Backing For Breakthrough Technologies To Speed Cleanups**

A National Academy of Sciences (NAS) panel is calling on the Energy Department (DOE) to boost its support for developing breakthrough technologies that could significantly speed the cleanup of its nuclear waste sites, where remediation work currently is estimated to take decades and cost hundreds of billions of dollars to complete.

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A federal judge has rejected a novel claim by Missouri-based utility Ameren that he lacks Clean Air Act authority to order injunctive relief to remedy past harms, dismissing what sources describe as a long-shot argument that runs counter to what EPA -- and federal courts -- have successfully been doing for decades.

## **Mercer, EPA Region 1 Administrator Pick, Withdraws At Start Of Tenure**

Former Maine environment chief Paul Mercer has declined the role of EPA Region 1 administrator on the day he was due to start the position, following environmentalists' criticism that his work under the state's former conservative governor would bolster the agency's deregulatory agenda and hurt morale in a region with shrinking staff levels.

## **High Court Denies Review Of Challenge To EPA 'Veto' Of CWA 404 Permits**

The Supreme Court has rejected a petition that sought judicial review of EPA's "objections" to proposed Clean Water Act (CWA) dredge-and-fill permits, letting stand an appeals court's decision that requires applicants to instead wait until a formal agency approval or denial before challenging the permitting process.

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The combined rulemaking under White House review will allow year-round sales of 15 percent ethanol fuel (E15) and also reform the renewable fuel standard (RFS) credit market.

#### **Wheeler taps Region 8 chief to manage EPA's state, regional collaboration**

Region 8 Administrator Doug Benevento's new position at EPA aims to advance the administration's push for 'cooperative federalism' to bolster states' role in environmental policy decisionmaking.

#### **Lawmakers put spotlight on PFAS**

A bipartisan group of senators joins House lawmakers in calling for EPA to take aggressive steps to require cleanup of perfluorinated chemicals.

#### **EPA touts FY18 Superfund achievements**

Among other things, EPA says it "deleted all or part of 22 sites from the NPL, the largest number of deletions in one year since 2005."

#### **Ewire: Democrats plan climate 'counteroffensive' ahead of 2020**

In today's Ewire: Democrats are increasingly focusing on climate change as a political issue ahead of the 2020 elections, while some Republican lawmakers are launching a conservation caucus.

#### **Riverkeeper challenges EPA's approval of Alabama's impaired waters**

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